Constitution of the Committee for restructuring of Social Forestry wing under Forest Department.

Government of Maharashtra
Revenue and Forest Department
Government Resolution No. EST-2015/ CR 148/F-12,
Mantralaya, Mumbai 400 032.
Date :5th January, 2016.

Vide Government Resolution in Revenue & Forest Department No. 2014/CR188/F-5, dated 4th December, 2015, the Social Forestry Department has been merged with Forest Department with effect from 1st January, 2015. After the merger it has become necessary to go for restructuring of the Social Forestry wing considering geographic and preponderance of Forest in different Districts in the State. It is also necessary to strengthen various roles played by the two wings i.e. Forestry and Social Forestry.

In view of this the proposal was under the consideration of the Government to constitute the committee under the Chairmanship of PCCF (HoFF), Maharashtra State, Nagpur.

Government Resolution :-

In the aforesaid circumstances the following committee is being constituted under the Chairmanship of PCCF (HoFF) for undertaking study and making recommendations to the Government for restructuring of the Social Forestry Wing under Forest Department.

1)	PCCF (HOFF), Maharashtra State, Nagpur	–	Chairman
2)	APCCF (Conservation) Maharashtra State, Nagpur	–	Member
3)	APCCF (Personnel), Maharashtra State, Nagpur	-	Member
4)	APCCF (Administration – Sub-ordinate Cadre), Nagpur	–	Member
5)	CCF and DDG, Social Forestry, Nagpur	–	Member
6)	CCF (Education & Training) – Pune	-	Member
7)	APCCF (Evaluation & Monitoring)	-	Member- Secretary

The Committee may opt for other experts / officers as may be deemed fit.
The terms of references of the Committee will be as follows:

1. Restructuring of the Social Forestry Wing by considering geographic and preponderance of Forest in different districts.
2. Strengthening of various roles played by Forest and Social Forestry wings through removal of overlap.
3. Utilizations of the existing categories of personnel, posted in various wings of forestry and Social Forestry viz. Territorial, Wild Life, Working Plan, Training / Research / Education / Evaluation and Social Forestry.
4. The Committee will suggest to improve the efficiency, efficacy and effectiveness of the Social Forestry Wing after merger of the Social forestry with forest department.
5. The Committee may consider the issue of adoption of PPP mode on the lines of NHAI (National Highway Authority of India) to secure viable solution to overcome manpower shortage so as to maximize their plantation skills.

6. To assign powers of permission for felling of the trees under tribal and non-tribal areas under " The Maharashtra Felling of Trees (Regulation) Act 1964 " to the Plantation Officers (Range Forest Officers) posted under Social Forestry wing.

The Committee may consider any other issue as may deem fit for improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the working of the Social Forestry wing.

The Committee will submit the report to Government upto 30th of January, 2015.

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By Order and in the name of Governor of Maharashtra.

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